

U.S. Labor Department Announces Job Bank to Assist Workers and Employers Affected by Hurricane Katrina

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Labor today announced the creation of the Katrina Recovery Job Connection dedicated to connecting workers impacted by the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina with employers who want to hire them. It will also support the hiring associated with critical clean-up efforts in impacted areas.

“Workers displaced by the hurricane are eager to get back to work and rebuild their lives,” said Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao. “We have created this new Internet resource to connect workers to employers who have jobs to give, including temporary jobs cleaning up and rebuilding devastated communities.”

The expanded Web site is designed to assist three specific audiences: individuals seeking new, full-time employment either in their home state or in a new state; individuals wishing to assist in the clean-up and rebuilding efforts through temporary employment, and employers who want to list jobs supporting hurricane recovery efforts or want to hire workers impacted by the hurricane.

“As people begin to rebuild their lives and homes, finding a good job will be a top priority,” said Emily Stover DeRocco, assistant secretary of labor for employment and training. “This new job site offers them a place to find employers eager to hire.”

The U.S. Department of Labor’s Employment and Training Administration is reaching out to multi-state employers from across the country to add job opportunities to this new site.

The Katrina Recovery Job Connection can be found at <http://www.jobsearch.org/katrinajobs> or through America’s Job Bank at www.ajb.org.